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Meetinghouse Messenger

from the First Religious Society

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Upcoming Services

The David and Goliath story on **Nov. 9th** will be explored with a sermon titled "Unlikely Triumphs" by Rev. Miller, who will also deliver the Message for All Ages. The group going to Common Cathedral will be blessed with our thanks. The choir will sing Mendelssohn's beautiful anthem "He That Shall Endure to the End" from his oratorio "Elijah." For the Prelude and Postlude, violinist Sarah Darling will play Handel's Sonata in G Major with harpsichordist Margaret Darling and cellist Dan Ryan.

The Pastoral Concerns Committee will have "cards on the table" at Coffee Hour on November 9. "Cards on the table" is an opportunity for members of the church to add their sentiment to cards sent to former members who moved away or are otherwise not able to join us at church. There are also blank cards available and a directory if a member wishes to send a card to someone within our church community. The Pastoral Concerns contact for the month of November is Nancy West. She can be reached at FRSpastoralconcerns@gmail.com

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The Minister is usually in the church study for portions of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and

Sunday. Friday is preparation time, Saturdays vary, and Wednesday is her day off. Call for an appointment.

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Share the Plate this week: Common Cathedral.

Common cathedral is the outdoor worship community of people who live on the streets of Boston. Since 1996, services have been celebrated every Sunday year-round, rain or shine, on Boston Common. Its ministers also offer weekday programs and pastoral care throughout the week.

Common cathedral serves as an important community for people experiencing homelessness, and for the visiting suburban parishes who want to be involved with unhoused people, bringing their food, support, and fellowship as they share the Sunday worship and participate in educational programs for adults and youth. FRS Carlisle has worshipped with and offered support to Common cathedral by visiting annually since 2006.

On **Nov. 16th** the sermon, "Thank You Marlene Dietrich" will be given by the Rev. Eugene Widrick, Minister Emeritus. **Nov. 23** will be an all-ages Thanksgiving celebration which will include the Jazz Group. The Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, **November 26**, 7:30 PM, you are invited to the ecumenical service hosted this year by St. Irene Roman Catholic Church on East Street. **Nov. 30** will be a special Holiday Arts Sunday with a brief gathering in the sanctuary, followed by activities for all ages (see following paragraph).

Fifth Sunday Holiday Arts Celebration Nov. 30th

The format of this Sunday departs from the usual. We will gather for fifteen minutes in the Sanctuary to light the advent wreath and open the service. Then everyone is invited to choose an activity, perhaps more than one, for the balance of the hour. Learn carols. Learn to play a handbell or chime. Fill Stockings for the House of Hope. Make a holiday card for the Butler School gift project and for the Pastoral Concerns Committee to use. Decorate holiday cookies. Make an Advent wreath to use at home. Decorate a candle. Would you like to be part of this Arts Sunday, by assisting with a project or leading one of these activities? **Contact Diane Miller, see left column for contact information.**

Coffee Hour this coming Sunday: Congregants with last names A-E. Please bring a light, healthy snack and consider showing up early or staying on after to help with set up or clean up. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated!



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A Message from the Religious Education Director

The Story of the Moses Basket

This Sunday in worship we talked about what it means to care for someone younger, smaller or less able than you are. Afterward, in our RE classes we returned to our Fall Curriculum, "Timeless Themes: Stories from the Hebrew and Christian Bibles," with the story of "Moses in the Bulrushes." The K-2 class heard the story of "The Moses Basket," about what it means to be born a slave and a young girl who courageously saves her brother. Meanwhile, the 3-5 class considered the meaning of persecution, and talked about hard choices, feeling pity, and adoption.

Next week, Nov. 9, we'll hear the story of David and Goliath, about how a young shepherd and harp player volunteered to fight a giant...and won! The children will learn that someone small can accomplish something big--a great lesson for young people, who often feel powerless in their own lives. Nursery care for younger children will be provided, as always.

If you haven't signed your child up for Religious Education, please drop by the RE table, before church or at coffee hour on Sundays. Or feel free to come to the RE office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, when Lisa has office hours: dre@uucarlisle.org or 781-883-3411.

News and Programs

On behalf of the Butler Middle School in Lowell, **the Social Action Committee requests donations of winter jackets** in all sizes, as well as mittens/gloves. These will be distributed to families in need. Also, reading material for young adults is requested. There will be collection bins in the front lobby. The Butler Middle school students are in grades 5 - 8. The school population has an 80% federal poverty rate. All donations are gratefully received. Contact for this project is Dollina Borella, tel. 978-771-3732 or dollina.borellaFRS@gmail.com.

Can you JOIN in the VISIT or HELP with FOOD for common cathedral - Nov 9? Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up so far! We still room for more people to

join in on the trip. We will carpool to Boston right after the FRS service, service lunch, have fellowship with the congregants, worship with them, and be back in Carlisle by 3:00. Also we could use six more people to make a "loaf" of 10 sandwiches (any kind), and several people to bring any kind of fruit (grapes, raisins, clementines - anything soft for people with poor teeth). Anything you offer will be appreciated. Please call FRS at 978.369.5180 or email frs@uucarlisle.org.

Message from Music Director Dan Ryan: The FRS handbell choir is looking for new members. If you have enjoyed the beautiful offerings of the handbell choir and have some music reading ability, I invite you to consider joining the group. Playing in the handbell choir is fun and fulfilling! We meet periodically throughout the year and play on occasional Sunday services and for the Winter Holidays Concert, for which we will soon be rehearsing. Please see me after a service if you would like more information, or email me at dryan@uucarlisle.org.

Third Friday Potluck Coming up November 21st. Save the date for another Third Friday Potluck for all ages. The potluck will begin early, at 5:30 PM. with playtime in the large room on the ground level (formerly Red Balloon) and dinner in Union Hall at 6:30 PM.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven will meet at 7 pm on Nov. 21st in the Widrick Room.

Community Thanksgiving: Reviving an established tradition, the First Religious Society will once again be hosting a community-wide Thanksgiving Feast in Union Hall on Thursday, November 27. (Thanksgiving Day) This will be an event at which any and all are welcome, and every attendee will have a part in creating the feast. In the best tradition of Thanksgiving, this will be a celebration of food, feast and thanks. This will be open to all people, regardless of church affiliation or membership. Sign-up sheets and food suggestions will be available in Union Hall during Coffee Hour. Or talk to Tom Rourk at 978 369 5366, email: tfrpiano@comcast.net This promises to be a fun and rewarding way to share in a Thanksgiving tradition.

Volunteers still needed for Greens Sale: This will be the

26th year for our annual Greens Sale. Let me know what you and also your church committee can do to help. Our very first workshop is the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. **See the schedule below.** (Signed) Janice Kissinger 978-369-8968.

Sunday, 11/ 23 - after coffee hour - bring down decorations and Greens Sale items from the attic; **Monday, 11/24** - 9:00am - decorate the Sanctuary for the Holidays - all are welcome to help; **Saturday, 11/29- 8:30am - 4:00pm - Boxwood Tree Workshop** - Union Hall; **Wednesday, 12/3- Holiday arrangements workshop 9:00am - all day;** **Thursday 12/4- 9:00am - all day - wreath decorating workshop** - Union Hall; **Friday, 12/5 - 8:30am - set up Cafe - price all items-** general clean-up of Union Hall. **Saturday, 12/ 6 - Holiday Greens Sale and Cafe - 10:00am - 2:00pm** - all workers should be there by 9:30am. Clean-up is from 2-3pm.

Sunday, 12/ 7 - a few Holiday Greens Sale items will be available to purchase before and after church service.

Hold the date - **Saturday, December 20 - 6:30pm** at Kissingers - Holiday Greens Sale Pot-Luck Party - all volunteers and their spouses are invited - Second Wind Quartet will perform - each family to bring a bottle of wine and a dish for ten people.

Behind the Scenes

It was a great pleasure to greet **Steve and Paula Bagshaw**, with sons **Ewan and Michael** on Sunday October 26th, formerly active at FRS, who were visiting from England. Son David was at University and not able to join them for this week's vacation in the US.

Beth Sullivan connected the gutter downspout to the new drain pipe that runs under the new driveway at the parsonage and installed bird wire over the Church Street entrance. **Maxine Barber** worked with the Simplex crew to update the building alarm system and was here for the better part of two days.

Condolences to Dave and Natalie Ives on the death of Natalie's brother-in-law, Larry Herold, in Ohio. Condolences to Jean and Ted Ford Webb and their family on the death of Ted's father, the Rev. Theodore A. Webb, who died in Sacramento, CA at the age of 96. His name is on the stones in

the FRS Memorial Garden, along with his late wife, Marguerite Wilson Webb. A Memorial Service will be held in the UU Church in Sacramento in December.

Community Events

All are invited to join Merrimack Valley People for Peace at their annual Stone Soup Supper, November 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM at North Parish UU church in North Andover, 190 Academy Rd, North Andover, MA 01845. Everyone brings a vegetable to add to the soup, and, we take a collection for Oxfam. Then Brayton Shanley will speak about his book, "The Many Sides of Peace: Christian Nonviolence, the Contemplative Life, and Sustainable Living," on working full time to build a peaceful community while confronting war. Leader of the Agape community, he practices and trains others to live sustainably.